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1. SPEED LIMITS INTRODUCED MARCH 14, 1974; 110 KM/H ON THROUGHWAYS (SUPER HIGHWAYS); 90 KM/H ON RURAL HIGHWAYS; 60 KM/H IN BUILT-UP AREAS. PRIOR TO THAT DATE THERE WERE NO RPT NO GENERAL SPEED LIMITS, BUT LOCAL SPEED LIMITS WERE MARKED BY SIGNPOSTS WHERE ROAD SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS SO WARRANTED.

2. TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS APRIL 1 -DECEMBER 30, 1974; 11,988. COMPARABLE PERIOD 1972: 15,362. DECREASE 22 PERCENT.

3. TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS ON THROUGHWAYS DURING SAME PERIODS: 1972: 91; 1974: 59. DECREASE 32 PERCENT. OF THIS FATALITIES 1972: 8, 1974: 6 (DOWN 25 PERCENT). FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE ACCIDENTS ON THROUGHWAY RAMPS.

4. TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ON MAIN ROADS APRIL-DECEMBER 1972: 2,478; 1974: 1,522. DECREASE 38.6 PERCENT.

5. SOURCE: DANISH TRAFFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

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